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In Re Patent Application of: :
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: Appln. No.: 10/087,238 : Examiner: Tam M. Nguyen
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: Title: Process for Discharging and Transferring Fluidized Particles

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2004 (Paper No. 20041215). This response is being timely submitted by May 23, 2005 (May 21, 2005 being a Saturday) in view of the simultaneous submission of a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, including payment of fees.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows: